

## FRENCH GAIN IN NORTH AND SOUTH

UKRAINIAN  
SITUATION  
DISTURBING  
FOR ENEMY

STEAMER VINDICTIVE OFFICIALLY DECLARED IN ENTRANCE TO GERMAN SUBMARINE BASE HARBOR

HEAVY ARTILLERY ACTION REPORTED TODAY ON LINES NEAR AMIENS—OREGON MAN AMONG CASUALTIES TODAY

PARIS, May 11.—There is heavy artillery fighting reported today in the section below Amiens, in the region around Grivesnes and the Mailly Rainval. The French have gained some ground on the Southern side of the Picardy front near Orvillers Borel and to the southwest of Mountdidier.

LONDON, May 11.—The French troops have advanced their lines slightly on the east of Loere on the Flanders front.

It is announced on unquestionable authority that the hulk of the vessel Vindictive, filled with concrete by the British, lies in the neck of the channel entrance to the Ostend submarine base harbor, at an angle of forty degrees. While it does not effectively block the channel, it serves a useful purpose, and the tide and silt will tend to increase the obstruction materially in hampering the submarine and destroyers from making their exit.

The situation in Ukraine has become so disturbing that the Germans have detached large forces of Bavarian cavalry from the Flanders front to take a hand in the matter, according to exchange telegraph reports.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 11.—The casualty list today contained sixty-nine names. Eight were killed in action, four died of disease. Clemie Atkinson of Denmark, Oregon, was slightly wounded.

OREGON MEN QUALIFY AS U. S. ARMY OFFICIALS

CAMP KEARNEY, Calif., May 11.—Four Oregon men are in the list of those who qualified at the officers training camp as eligibles for second lieutenants. They are Richard B. Flynn of McMinnville, Harry V. McCracken of Grants Pass, Edwin Meyer of Portland and Andrew A. Stumpf of Medford.

Birdmen Meets Death  
At Pensacola, Florida

PENSACOLA, Fla., May 11.—Richard McAlla of Toledo, a student aviator, was burned to death today and

MILLION AND  
QUARTER NOW  
IN U. S. ARMY

FORCE OF THREE MILLION EXPECTED WITHIN TWELVE MONTHS—SOME CLAIM AS HIGH AS FIVE MILLION

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 11.—Over 1,300,000 men have been called in the selective draft, and are either in France or in camp or under call to go before January 1st.

It is expected that the army will have full strength of over 3,000,000 within a year. Some of the officers estimate that the number will be closer to 5,000,000.

MEN ADRIFT  
IN RUNAWAY  
ARMY BALLOON

CAPTIVE BALLOON GETS LOOSE FROM MOORINGS AT TEXAS ARMY CAMP—TWO MEN REPORTED CARRIED AWAY

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, May 11.—One of the captive balloons at the army school here broke from her moorings and ascended to a great height, and then began drifting northward at a high speed.

Two men are said to be in the basket.

LORELLA RESIDENT IS REPORTED ILL

The serious illness of H. G. Bussey, a well known resident of the Lorella district, from a combination of pneumonia and measles, is reported. Mr. Bussey was assisting his son, Douglas, with his spring sowing below Merrill when he was taken sick.

ADMINISTRATOR FOR LABOR ACTIVITIES REPORTED

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 11.—Secretary of Labor Wilson has appointed Felix Frankfurter of Harvard University as administrator of the war labor activities.

LECTURES HERE NEXT WEEK

Rev. W. L. Mellinger, a returned Mexican missionary and Chautauque platform speaker, is scheduled to give two addresses at the Methodist church on Wednesday and Thursday of next week. His talk Wednesday night will be entitled "Misunderstood Mexico," and on Thursday "The Underlying Cause of the War."

LAND OPENING  
BILL HARSHLY  
CRITICISED

MEASURE FOR OPENING TO SETTLEMENT OF LANDS IN LOWER KLAMATH LAKE DECLARED LAND GRABBING LEGISLATION

SACRAMENTO, May 11.—Prospective land settlers, especially those in Northern California and Southern Oregon, who have had their "eyes peeled" for an opportunity to secure agricultural lands upon which they could settle with equal chance with other citizens qualified to exert this American right, have been astonished at the recent action of Congressman John H. Raker and U. S. Senator James Phelan in introducing and endeavoring to push thru congress a bill which gives an absolute preference to members of an organization, having a paid membership, to settle on the swamp and overflowed lands bordering on Lower Klamath Lake.

Recent news from Washington and copies of this bill disclose that the Raker-Phelan measure would shut out every citizen in California and Oregon, excepting members of the Slakiyou Homesteaders' Association, from filing on any of the 15,000 acres which the measure proposes to open to entry.

These particularly favored few have already prepared filings on this land, but are holding the same unassigned and unfiled in readiness for the time when Congressman Raker has succeeded in getting thru this big land grab for them. Numbers of other California and Oregon citizens—all qualified to make such filings as homestead settlers—previously filed on these lands, but were turned down by the federal authorities. But the Raker bill, drafted along closed corporation methods, would eliminate these men and all others, denying to the citizens in general an equal opportunity to get what belongs to the people, and is within the gift of the Nation.

That the viciousness of the Raker-Phelan bill may be fully realized, here is section 5, giving this preference: "Sec. 5.—That the members of the Slakiyou Homesteaders' Association, qualified to make homestead entry, who have obligated themselves to repay to the United States their proportionate part of the money heretofore expended from the reclamation fund upon or for these lands, as described in section 2 of this act, as a part of the sum of \$225,225 heretofore expended from the reclamation fund in connection with the Klamath project in Oregon and California, and who have been instrumental in securing the release of riparian rights and who have made application to file upon the lands involved in good faith, shall have a preference and prior right to file upon such lands as may be disclosed by the respective applications under the homestead laws and the provisions of this act within the period of sixty days following the time such lands may be open to entry."

It remains to be seen whether the congress of the United States will establish this un-American precedent by passing a bill which will give to a hand-picked, politically-favored few exclusive right to file on a homestead.

NEW FREEZER INSTALLED

A large new up-to-date ice cream freezer, operated by motor, has been installed at the Klamath Falls Creamery.

NOTICE

The Klamath Falls Public Library will not be opened until May 15th. It is especially desired that those having books in their possession, return them to the porch.

BIG MURDER  
TRIAL SET  
JUNE 17TH

DEFENDANTS PLEAD NOT GUILTY TO CHARGE OF KILLING PROMINENT SHEEPMAN YESTERDAY AFTERNOON

June 17th, the opening day of the next term of the Circuit Court, was the date set yesterday by Judge D. V. Kuykendall for the trial of William Holbrook and J. E. Paddock for the alleged shooting of O. T. McKendree, at Dry Prairie, on the morning of April 19th. The defendants, thru their counsel, W. H. A. Renner of Klamath Falls and Judge L. R. Webster of Portland, plead not guilty to the indictment recently turned in at a special session of the Grand Jury.

This assures a trial of very unusual interest here, as the ablest legal talent has been retained to assist the prosecution. That the case will be one of the hardest fought in the county for many years is generally predicted.

BIG EXPRESS  
MERGER IS  
ANNOUNCED

FOUR LARGE CORPORATIONS TO COMBINE WITH SANCTION OF GOVERNMENT FOR PERIOD OF THE WAR

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 11.—A merger of the four leading express companies—the Wells Fargo, United States, American and Adams—with a capitalization of \$35,000,000, is to be sanctioned by the railroad administration for the period of the war.

A virtual agreement has been reached between the administration and the companies on the form of contract, which gives the national railroad 50 per cent of the gross earnings and a share in the excess profits. The government will take over the amalgamated companies.

With the proposed merger of the big companies, possibility of government operation of the concerns apparently will be eliminated. The four companies first sought to have the government take them over when the financial returns began to show dangerous reductions.

Each company will enter the combination on a basis of the physical valuation of its property assets. No guarantee is provided, but it was stated that the terms will be fixed on a sliding scale, so that the net revenue will be at least 5 per cent.

BARBER SHOP CHANGES HANDS

The O. K. barber shop at 633 Main street, formerly operated by J. W. Tyrol, has been taken over, and will be conducted in the future by F. W. Ritchie.

STARTS NEW RESIDENCE

R. A. Emmitt has started construction of a new residence on his property on Pine street, adjacent to the Whitlock undertaking parlors. He is building with the intention of residing there with his family.

WAR WORK WELL  
ORGANIZED THRU  
COUNTY SCHOOLS

INDUSTRIAL CLUB WORKER HERE FOR SHORT TIME FINDS TEACHERS AND PUPILS ACTIVE—ADVOCATES SUGAR BEETS

(By C. E. Peterson)

During the ten days that I have been here I have been very favorably impressed with the way that all lines of war work are organized. With County School Superintendent Edna Wells, I have visited schools all over Klamath County. In each section we have found the teacher and pupils enthusiastically engaged in doing their bit—in Red Cross work, in the buying of Thrift Stamps, War Saving Stamps and Bonds, in making war gardens, in junior four-minute war talk and thrift talks, and in Industrial Club work.

In one school we found that they had adopted this motto: "Impossible is un-American." And the work that is being done shows that the boys and girls and the teachers are dealing in deeds rather than words.

The raising of hops, sheep, chickens, cattle, producing eggs, growing vegetables, preparing food, learning to do their own sewing, canning and drying fruit and vegetables—these are some of the things that the boys and girls are doing. The work is fostered by the federal government, co-operating with the Oregon Agricultural College and the school systems of the state and the county. County School Superintendent Wells and County Agricultural Agent Glaisyer, working in conjunction with the various teachers, have the work well organized in Klamath. About 300 boys and girls are enrolled in the work in this county. Each step in the progress of the work is carefully directed by the Oregon Agricultural College.

One thing in particular that we are making of these soldiers of the community, as the club members are designated, is that they plant a few sugar beets. The seed will be furnished by the college to those who will promise to faithfully perform the necessary work. Then, also, instructions will be given for the making of syrup from the beets. This syrup will answer as a substitute for the canning of fruit, in baking and cooking, thus helping to relieve the sugar shortage and to reduce the annual sugar bill of the family. Again, it is found that this section is well adapted to the growing of sugar beets, as some believe, the experiment may have large future possibilities for Klamath County.

MILLS ADDITION

An all day session was held at the home of Mrs. Wabbles on Friday, May 3d. Those attending were Mesdames J. Schmidt, M. Miller, F. Howard, L. Will, R. Call, F. Schmitz, C. Setzer, K. Bell, F. Nitchelm, O. Wabbles and Alvira Call.

On Wednesday, May 8th, at the Mills Addition hall, were present Mesdames Wabbles, J. Schmidt, L. Will, R. Call, W. Kincaid, S. Miller, J. Potter, W. Sandam, F. Bryant and C. F. Setzer.

Owing to the election which is to be held at Mills Addition hall May 17th, the meeting scheduled for this date was held yesterday. Those present were Mesdames K. Bell, M. Miller, R. Call, L. Will, S. Miller, W. Sandam, C. Setzer and Misses Edith Potter and Eva Miller.

NOTICE

The Happy Hour Club will meet at Mrs. George Humphrey's next Tuesday afternoon.

MEN HELD FOR  
POISONING OF  
SHEEP FREED

RESIDENT OF POE VALLEY AND ONE FROM BONANZA RELEASED FROM CUSTODY ON MOTION OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY

A dismissal of the charges against Steve Stukel of Poe Valley and John McFall of Bonanza, charged with poisoning sheep belonging to Fred Pope and Eugene Hammond of the Merrill district early last month, was given this morning in the justice court by E. W. Gowen, on motion of District Attorney W. M. Duncan.

Lack of evidence against the defendants is believed to have been the cause of the district attorney's motion. The persons who committed the deed threw poisoned grain to the sheep in the corrals of the ranchers near Merrill, and left a note warning them to keep their sheep from the Bryant Mountain ranges.

EXCELLENT  
PROGRAM AT  
BONANZA

For the best four-minute talk on the subject of "Winning the War, and Why We Should Buy War Saving and Thrift Stamps," Helen Gillette was given the prize in the contest at Bonanza last night. Elsie Rueck won honorable mention also in a very able effort along this line.

A Klamath Falls delegation which attended the contest had high words of praise today for the contestants, and for the unusually entertaining program which was given by the pupils of the school. Talks were made at the meeting by several from this city.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS DEFEATED ON DIAMOND

The High School Senior Class baseball team was defeated on the local diamond at Modoc Park yesterday afternoon by a team picked from the lower classes, by a score of 10 to 7. Seven innings were played.

LOCAL BOYS TO ENTER NAVY

Garner Lundy and Ira Orem, who had expected to leave for Portland tomorrow for examination for the U. S. navy, have received telegrams today instructing them to wait until Thursday before starting.

Wine Kegs Sold  
For Red Cross

The barrels which contained the dago red wine, taken in a raid last fall on the home of P. Carnini of Pelican City, and which were later emptied of their contents by the city officials, have been disposed of, to representatives of the Indian service, according to announcement made today, and the proceeds, which amount to about \$7, will be turned over to the local chapter of the Red Cross. Could the value of the contents of the barrels have been turned in the same channel the Red Cross drive here would have been well started.

AMERICAN  
SOLDIERS  
GO ABROAD  
EQUIPPED

ORDNANCE DEPARTMENT KEEPS PACE WITH LARGE NUMBERS NOW BEING SENT TO FRANCE. ARTILLERY ALSO SENT

BRITISH AIRMEN BRING DOWN TWENTY-SEVEN AIRPLANES IN SINGLE DAY—LOSE ONLY SIX IN THE COMBAT

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 11.—Although the American troops are going over the seas in large numbers, the ordnance department has been able to keep up with the new program, and every soldier who boards a transport is fully equipped. Enough artillery and machine guns are already in France in sufficient quantities for the immediate needs of the forces, the ordnance bureau has announced.

Summary by Associated Press. Whatever the big move the Germans may be preparing for on the western front, they are finding an active, alert foe confronting them. A French official statement tallies with one of the British with accounts of intensive artillery and raiding activities and minor thrusts. In one day's fighting the British brought down twenty-seven airplanes, losing six.

FEWER CLOTHES AND LESS NEW CARS URGED

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 11.—Making an appeal to all the people of the country to curtail their expenditures and buy only the real necessities of life, the council of national defense has started a campaign of conservation along the lines of simple living that has been adopted in England and France.

Simpler clothing and fewer clothes for men and women are urged. Keeping the old automobile and ending the bid for a new car every year to save the thousands of tons of steel for war and navy needs is recommended as a potential factor for winning the war. Thrift is counseled at every turn, so the nation will have still greater available cash funds to draw upon when the time comes.